

Letter Bk. II. quantity on the Spot as cheap or cheaper I believe than it can now be procured elsewhere; whether you will choose to have it taken of him by the Commissaries is entirely at your Option I shall only desire him to Stall-feed during the winter as many of the Beeves as I gave him Orders to detain & if the others are not wanted give him notice that He might dispose of them elsewhere. He had also laid in about 8000 lb flour more than the Quantum for the Maryland Company which I apprehend has been nearly consumed by the Independants who have not been able to get any sent them but from that Store for a considerable time. I have only agreed for 6 Waggon with four Horses & Harness to each to be delivered all of them for £280, & each of them will come loaded to the Camp with 20 C^t of flour, at the price of 12/ Currency p C^t these according to the Directions I gave at the Camp were to be employed two
p. 45 of them there in drawing Timber for the Fort or otherwise as should be found expedient, & the other four to be employed in carrying up to Conegogee the Stores that now are or may be landed at Rock-Creek, but I will contradict the Orders I left, that they may be employed between Winchester & Wills-Creek since you prefer that Rout, tho from the Observations that I had an Opportunity of making by journeying to the Camp one way & returning the other I am satisfied that you will find the Carriage thro Winchester much more expensive than on the North shore of Potowmack, especially if you take into the Account the Charge of building such a number of Boats & of opening such a Road as you propose to shorten the Distance by the way of Winchester, I have got one more Waggon made which as soon as I can procure Horses for it shall be sent up; but as it is a very difficult thing to procure Horses from any place nearer than Lancaster in Pensilvania & I have no Acquaintance near that part of the Country whom I could desire to make purchases for me, I will leave that Business entirely to the Commissaries who may perhaps have Opportunities of making advantageous Bargains, as they will be conversant among people who are likely to have some to dispose of. I have inclosed you a Letter from M^r Carlile with an Account of all the money that he supposes due from the Government of Virginia on Account of the Troops, but I know that Col^o Innes if you please to write to him on that head can return you a List of many people's names which are not there inserted who have Claims on the Virginia Govern^t You will be pleased to observe in my last that for want of Salt at the Camp the Herdsmen had been hired long before I went up, & that I
p. 46 only advanced them some money in part of their Account lest they should desert the Cattle before they could be killed which they seemed disposed to do. The whole £45. that Gist had